

Dear Editor,

Going to college is more important today than ever before. By 2018, about 60 percent of jobs in Missouri will require some form of postsecondary education. As we work to help this year's seniors make informed decisions about their future, we want to also provide the help they need to pay for higher education.

_____ will be hosting FAFSA Frenzy, a statewide event to help students complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Completing this application is the first step to securing most forms of federal and state financial aid, including some scholarships. The event is open to any high school senior in the area, and current college students.

Volunteers and financial aid professionals will be on hand to answer questions and offer free guidance. We want to break down barriers to ensure anyone who wants to go to college, whether it is a career or technical school, community college or four-year university, is able to achieve that dream.

We ask the community for their support. Help us encourage students to take the next step toward higher education and the benefits a degree or certificate can offer.

Sincerely,